

Impounding the Tailings

Some think that the saloon-keeper is treated harshly. He is not. Society is not as strict with him as with those engaged in legitimate business. Take the stamp mill, for instance. It is an asset to a community—a blessing to a mining camp, and yet the stamp mill must be careful not to do injury to others.

It takes in the ore bearing rock and stamps, and stamps, and stamps, until all the precious material is extracted; but the refuse stuff that is left—the tailings—is it allowed to pour these down into the mountain streams? No, at its own expense it must impound the tailings for the protection of the people who live in the valleys.

Not so with the saloon. It is permitted to take in the priceless young manhood of the community and it stamps, and stamps, and stamps, until all that is precious is extracted, and then, instead of being compelled to impound the tailings at its own expense, it is permitted to throw the dregs of humanity out upon society, and society must take care of the paupers, the criminals and the insane, who graduate from the saloon.

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RAISING THE MAN-LEVEL

Society is making progress. We have already advanced so far that no county or state would think, for a moment, of licensing a man to spread hog cholera among hogs, regard for dumb animals as well as interest in the money value of the hog would prevent it. And it will not be long, if we can judge by the speed with which public sentiment is moving, before men will be raised to the level of the hog, and then no community will license a saloon to disease the bodies, the minds, and the souls of men. God, hasten the day.

WHY HIDE HIM?

Why is the "finished product" of the saloon hustled off to the calaboose and hidden from sight? The saloon keeper is the first one to call the police when a customer gets down so low that he disgraces a saloon. Why does he not put his handiwork in his show window and exhibit him as an illustration of what the saloon can do when it has a fair chance at a man?

PARTISANSHIP RUN MAD

Having forgotten that he was ever a judge, Mr. Hughes is trying to show how partisan a man can be when he becomes a "100 per cent candidate." His latest is to compare the democratic party to a "disorderly house"—and the campaign has just begun. What may we expect when he gets warmed up?

LOST!

Lost: A "panic scare," badly worn by long use, but valuable to owner as a relic because of service rendered in numerous campaigns. Finder will be suitably rewarded for returning same to republican headquarters.

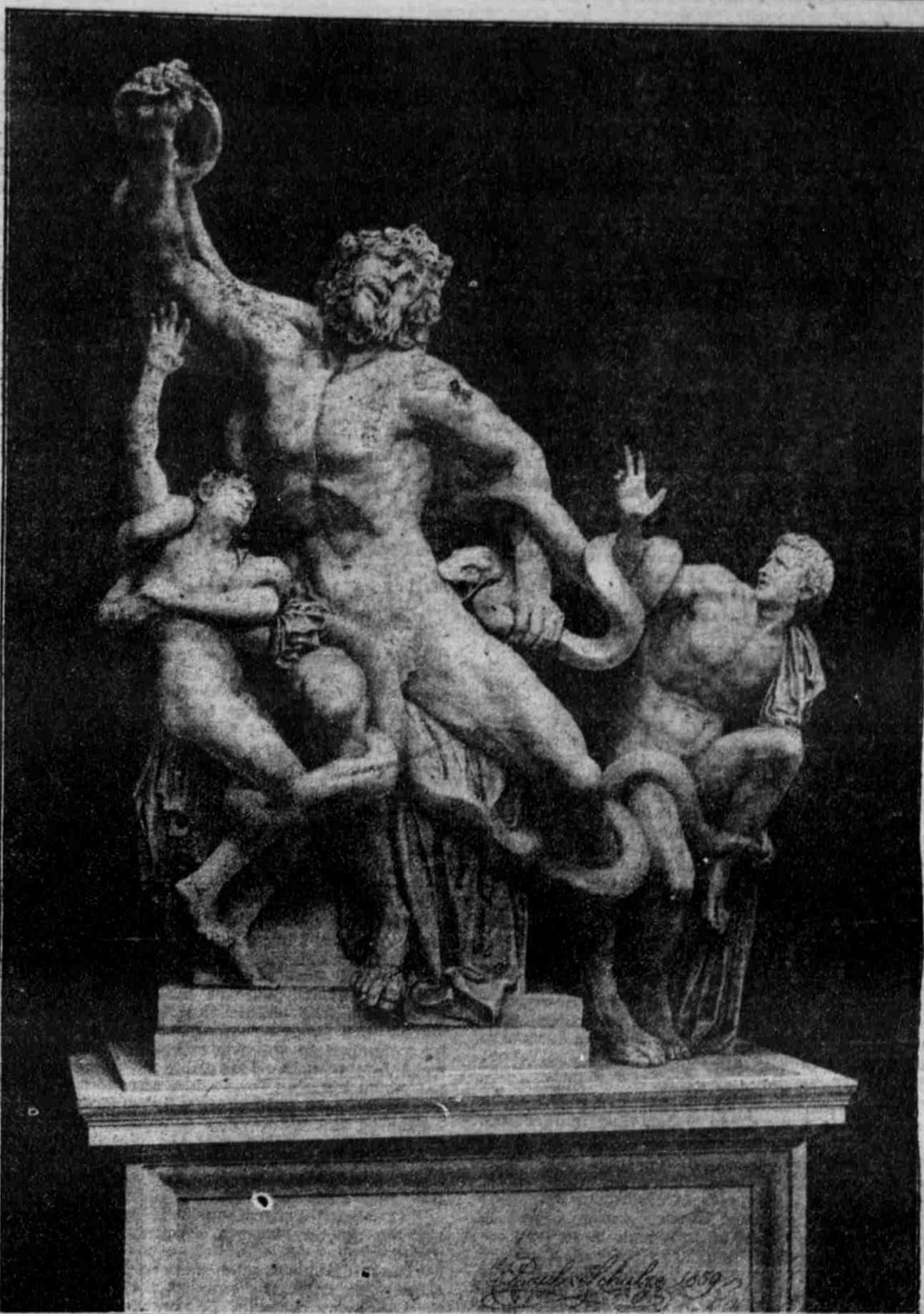
When the administration shipping bill came to a vote in the senate every democrat was recorded in its favor and every republican in opposition. The bill is one that places the government in the shipping business in opposition to private capital. Which explains the vote fully.

The Washington dispatches say that the republicans joined with a democratic minority in securing the postponement of the Owens' corrupt practices bill. The republicans do not desire any law to embarrass their activities in this campaign.

The bakers the country over who are threatening to increase the price of bread say that it is because there is a shortage of wheat. This is the first time in two years that a price advance has not been blamed on the war in Europe.

Well, it is a little provoking not to have anything to find fault with, but the republican speakers will have to make the best of it. The administration can not make mistakes just to accommodate republican leaders.

Mr. Hughes is still imitating the embarrassed after dinner speaker who remarked: "Without saying anything more I desire to add a few words."



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AN ADMIRAL'S VIEWS

Admiral Fiske, in an article recently published in the New York Times, inadvertently discloses the point of view of the militarist. He says:

"The dangerous enemy of the United States is not Germany or Japan; it is the American politician. It is not the open foe; it is the secret poison that reduces our power to repel the foe. It is not the army and navy of any foreign power, because we can raise an army and navy better than theirs; it is the politician who prevents our getting an adequate army and navy; who persuades the people that such an army and navy will cause a horrible thing the politician calls 'militarism.' The nation can gain the victory over a foreign foe, but is powerless against the politician, 'the soulless politician,' as Whittier calls him, 'who gambles for office with dice loaded with human hearts.' Few men die by reason of external violence; it is internal disease that kills them. From the standpoint of national longevity politics is a disease."

Here we have it. The "politician" is the senator or member who consults the wishes of his constituents instead of accepting without question the recommendations of the so-called ex-

perts who, holding life positions and drawing high salaries, are attempting to frighten the nation by manufactured war scares. If a public official betrays the tax-payers, the experts applaud him as a patriot; if he is true to those who elect him—he is a dangerous politician. There is nothing that a militarist hates so much as representative government that really represents.

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Extreme horror is expressed by the republican leaders over the discovery that when the democrats secured control of the national administration party leaders who had been responsible for its success were given positions of honor and trust. Inasmuch as every republican administration similarly rewarded its workers in the offices that are purely political, it will be a difficult task to induce the voters to grow greatly agitated.

SAYING THE TRUTH

To know how to say what other people only dare to think, is what makes men sages; and to dare to say what others only dare to think, is what makes them martyrs, or reformers.—Elizabeth Charles.